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NOTICE.

THE undersigned, in pursuance of the respective provisions of Articles IX and VIA of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors together with the election, by registered owners of land in the Settlement, of a Land Commissioner for the Municipal year 1916.

Nomination papers should be returned to the Council Room not later than 4 p.m. on January 13, 1916.

Shanghai, January 4, 1916.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.
T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.
A. ARIYOSHI,
Consul-General for Japan.
E. D. H. FRASER,
H. B. M.'s Consul-General.
V. GROSSE,
Consul-General for Russia.
J. E. HULTMAN,
Consul-General for Sweden.
G. BARJONA,
Consul-General for Portugal.
DE RÉUS,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.
L. SCELSI,
Consul-General for Italy.
H. KNIPPING,
H. I. G. M.'s Consul-General.
EMILE NAGGIAR,
Gérant le Consulat-General de France.
G. DE BLANCK,
Consul-General for Cuba.
C. E. GAUSS,
American Consul in charge.
T. RAASCHOU,
Acting Consul-General for Norway.
CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Consul for Spain.
HUGO REISS,
Consul for Brazil.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2344.

THE following amended licence condition will be enforced from January 1, 1916 :—

XXI MOTOR CAR AUTOMOBILE, OR OTHER VEHICLE PROPELLED BY STEAM, OIL OR ELECTRICITY.

4.—That the number of the licence be exhibited in a conspicuous position at the back of the vehicle ; *that the figures be 3½ inches high, and in all parts ⅝ of one inch broad ; that the width of the space occupied by each figure except the figure 1, be 2½ inches ; that the space between adjoining figures be ½ one inch;* that such number *be white on a black ground and* remain at all times legible and undefaced ; and that such number be used only on the vehicle in respect of which the licence is issued.

That in the case of motor cycles the number plate have duplicate faces, with figures not less than half the regulation size for motor cars, and that such plate be fixed on the front mudguard.

Standard number plates are obtainable gratis upon application to the Tax Office, No. 7A The Bund.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 30, 1915.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2347.

(Translation.)

THE following amended licence condition will be enforced from January 10, 1916 :—

CHINESE THEATRE.

5.—That no obscene or indecent performances, *or performances by mixed castes of male and female actors* take place.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 6, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2348.

HOUSE REFUSE REMOVAL.

(Translation.)

THE Council invites tenders for the Removal of House Refuse from the whole or part of the Settlement for one year beginning May 1, 1916. The Council will bring the House Refuse to the boats at the Shoots and will provide coolies for loading and unloading the boats ; and will also provide a depôt for dumping refuse.

The Contractor will have the privilege of selling House Refuse for agricultural purposes. Further particulars can be obtained from the Health Officer, Honan Road, at 11 a.m. daily.

Tenders to be sent to the undersigned on or before April 1, 1916.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 13, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2349.

TRAFFIC.

THE Peking Road Jetty will be closed to traffic during repairs, from Saturday, January 15, for about two weeks.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 13, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2350.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ratepayers duly qualified under Article XIX of the Land Regulations, have been proposed and seconded, and have given their written consent to serve, if elected, as Councillors for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the Municipal year 1916 :—

Mr. E. I. Ezra
Baron Yoshiaki Fujimura
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. J. Johnstone
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
E. C. Pearce
E. C. Richards
C. Stepharius
A. S. P. White-Cooper

Mr. H. G. Simms being the only nominee by registered landowners has been elected Land Commissioner for 1916.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 14, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2351.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

THE Poll will remain open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21.

No Voting Tickets are issued. Qualified ratepayers desiring to vote are required to attend at either of the Voting Stations and to mark on a list the names of the persons, not exceeding nine, for whom they intend to vote.

Voting Stations will be established at—

The Tax Office, 7A The Bund.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Sub-Agency, 9 Broadway.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 17, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2352.

(Translation.)

CHINESE PAWNSHOP LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that from and after this date every applicant for a Chinese Pawnshop licence will be required to make cash security deposits as follows :—

For a 1st Class Pawnshop licence	Tls.	200
,, 2nd ,, ,,		100
,, 3rd ,, ,,		50

Existing licensees are required to make the requisite deposit on or before February 29.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 20, 1916.

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AT the meeting of the Works Committee held on Monday, January 17, 1916, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. I. Ezra (*Chairman*)
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 19, 1916, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
E. I. Ezra
A. Hide
A. Ishii
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. J. Johnstone
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

Volunteer Corps.

Maritime Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Mr. A. W. Dixon.

Light Horse.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the leave granted to Lieut. E. H. McMichael has been extended to October 8, 1916.

First Reserves.—The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant C. M. Bain has been forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Police Force.

Irregular Arrest.—Correspondence with the Senior Consul on the subject of the irregular arrest of a Chinese resident by the Chapei Constabulary. The Police Reports place beyond doubt the fact that this arrest was effected within the limits of the Foreign Settlement:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 19, 1915.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit the enclosed Police reports for the information of the Consular Body, as to the circumstances of the irregular arrest of a Chinese named Chang made on a Municipal Road at 10 p.m. on November 11, and reported to the Police on November 13.

There are evidences that the kidnapping of this resident, who is apparently a political refugee, has been effected with official authority or connivance. The cessation of irregularities of this nature has for some months been a satisfactory feature of the Police administration of the Chinese Authorities on the outskirts of the Settlement and has given ground for the hope that it has been realised that insistence upon the necessary hearing at the Mixed Court occasions little if any delay in the realisation of the requirements of justice with reference to refugee offenders. I have the honour to request that representations be made to the Chinese Authorities requesting the rendition of this resident to the custody of the Municipal Police in order that if he has committed any offence a charge may be laid against him accordingly in the Mixed Court, in conformity with standing procedure, and I trust that the Consular Body will make this case the subject of an emphatic protest with a view to checking a recrudescence of this objectionable practice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. C. PEARCE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.
(seven Police Reports enclosed.)

Shanghai, December 15, 1915.

SIR,—I have the honour to let you have for your consideration a copy and translation of a letter received from Mr. Chow Chin-piao, Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, concerning the arrest of the Chinese named Chang Sien-zien, resident of this Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

E. C. PEARCE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Chow Chin-piao, Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, to Senior Consul, November 29, 1915.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter on the subject of the arrest of Chang Sien-zien in the Foreign Settlement asking that he be handed over to the Municipal police for trial at the Foreign Mixed Court.

After an inquiry the Chinese police have reported to this Office as follows: 'On the night of November 11, a rebel named Chang Sien-zien was arrested at the front of the alleyway west of Foo Shun Li inside of Zer Teh Li in Chinese territory. The man was immediately sent to Nanking under police escort and was transported to Peking."

The alleyway Foo Shun Li is near the Settlement, I accordingly directed the police to draw a plan showing the place where the arrest took place. Now they have sent me the plan and I note that the place is undoubtedly in Chinese territory.

I have the honour to send you herewith an original plan for your information.

Saltpetre and Sulphur.

Further correspondence relating to an officially protected monopoly of the sale of saltpetre and sulphur, to which reference was made in the Gazette of July 29, 1915.

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate, January 5, 1916.

Directions have been received from the Shanghai Taoyin as follows:—

"A letter from the saltpetre head office for the Province of Kiangsu states that the sale of saltpetre in Shanghai was the subject of instructions in May from the Generalissimo, authorising a change to be made whereby the Fu Li Company should receive the contract; that the sign-board of the former office ought properly therefore to be at once removed; but that several months' time has elapsed and the former office still continues to hang its sign-board; that the head office fears confusion as to proper identity which would not only affect the trade, but would also be much prejudicial to the revenue; and the Taoyin is accordingly requested to take note and it is hoped that he will give directions to the Mixed Court to order the office in question at once to cancel its sign as a saltpetre office, in due respect for official instructions, and for the protection of trade. On receipt of this the Taoyin observes that the sale of saltpetre in the entire Province has formerly been the subject of directions by the Generalissimo directing that intimations be given that the sale is in the hands of the Fu Li Company as monopolists; and directions to the Mixed Court have already been given, and are on record, for compliance in this sense. It is not clear therefore how it comes about that the previous office in question still displays the sign-board, and in view of the letter which has been received, directions are now given to the Magistrate to take note and to compel its cancellation without disobedience or delay."

The Magistrate upon receipt of this duly writes to request the Captain-Superintendent to take note and requests that he will at once despatch Police to proceed forthwith to the previous saltpetre office and compel it at once to cancel the sign-board which is hung out; and hopes also for the favour of a reply.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 19, 1916.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of January 5 to the Captain-Superintendent of Police on the subject of the sale of saltpetre and sulphur, I am directed once more to refer to the Council's letter to yourself of November 26, 1913, and to its more recent communication of July 12 last, wherein it was pointed out that this matter is not one which affects the Foreign Settlement, and that within its limits the traffic in saltpetre and sulphur is free.

The Council consequently can give no recognition to the monopoly to which you refer, or the suggestion as to intervention in the operations of the rival establishment.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

KUAN CHUN, Esq.,
Mixed Court Magistrate.

Municipal Properties.

Electricity Sub-Station.—It has been decided, upon the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer, to purchase Lot 882 on Woochang Road for the building of an electricity sub-station. An offer of the lot at Tls. 18,000 per mow has therefore been accepted, an area of Mow 0.360 for Tls. 6,480.

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Road Extensions and Widenings.

Bund and Canton Road.—With reference to the negotiations on the subject of Lot 56, contained on pp. 153/4 of the Report of 1911, deeds of surrender for the land required for road purposes have been executed, and particulars of the areas and compensation paid, are as follows:—

Mow 0.249 at the assessed value, Tls. 87,000 per mow	Tls. 21,663
Plus 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender	2,166
	23,829
Less two-thirds for betterment	15,886
	Tls. 7,943

Paoting Road.—The unregistered land for the section of this road between Kwenming and Tongshan Roads has been acquired at the proclamation rate, Tls. 250 per mow, an area of Mow 4.210 for Tls. 1,100, inclusive of fees.

Yangchow Road.—Negotiations with Messrs. Algar & Co., Ld., have been concluded for the surrender, without compensation, of the area required for this road, from Lot 2970, measuring Mow 0.305. The scheduled area of Lot 2971, in the same ownership, and measuring Mow 0.055 is already subject to free surrender under Article VI of the Land Regulations.

Town Hall.

The Council has decided to prohibit the use of the Town Hall for the future for patriotic gatherings until the restoration of peace.

Municipal Staff.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ORDER BOOKS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.

Public School for Boys.—Mr. D. Drake is appointed Assistant Master with effect from January 6.

The service of Mrs. Newcomb, temporary Assistant Mistress, will terminate on January 31.

The service of Mrs. M. Lamont, temporary Assistant Mistress, terminated on December 31, 1915.

Thomas Hanbury School for Boys.—Mrs. R. Peach is appointed temporary Assistant Mistress with effect from January 11.

Tax Office.—Mr. W. Cobb is appointed Tax Collector on three months probation with effect from January 17.

Public Band.

The attendance on Sunday, January 16, numbered 731.

On Sunday next, January 23, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows:—

1. V Symphony (C-minor) Beethoven
   (*a*) Allegro con brio
   (*b*) Andante con moto
   (*c*) { Allegro (Scherzo) / Allegro (Finale) }
2. Three Dances from "Henry VIII" German
   (*a*) Morris Dance
   (*b*) Shepherds' Dance
   (*c*) Torch Dance
*3. Valse de Concert Glazounow
4. Selection from "La Bohème" Puccini

*First performance at these concerts.

Conductor, Professor R. Buck.

Return of Communicable Disease.

Reported during the week ending Sunday, January 16, 1916.	Cases notified among Foreign resident population of 18,520	Deaths among Chinese resident population of 820 401
Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—
Diphtheria	5	0
Scarlet Fever	6	2
Tuberculosis	0	22
Plague	0	0
Dysentery	2	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	6	136

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign
41	Kiukiang & Szechuen	R. E. Stevardson	office building
2329	Baisal	Davies and Brooke	11 houses
22	Burkill	S'hai Horse Bazaar & Motor Co. Ld.	shed
4600	West Soochow	Tilley and Limby	addition to house
			Chinese
Unreg. N of 488	Haining	Kyung Kee	5 houses
Unreg. S of 379	Urga	Tao Zu Yuen	4 houses
Unreg. E of 477	Urga and Mukden	Cheng Kee	5 houses
Unreg. E of 6445	Yangtsepoo	Chow Ven Wah	6 houses
Unreg. N of 111	Avenue	Tsao Zung Foo	18 houses, etc.
Unreg. S of 1665	Chungking	Yow Vung Chow	4 houses

Sanitary Station.

Custom House,
Shanghai, January 11, 1916.

Sir,—I have the honour to hand you, enclosed, a Statement of Receipts and Payments in connexion with the Sanitary Station at Woosung for the December Quarter 1915.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. S. Unwin,
Commissioner of Customs.

The Chairman, Municipal Council.

Receipts		*Haikwan Taels*
Balance from September Quarter 1915		8,161.58
Disinfectant and Inspection Fees	62.84	
Foreign Municipal Council's Contribution	1,346.50	
French Municipal Council's Contribution	471.27	
Superintendent's Contribution	2,693.00	
Gain by Exchange	28.72	
		4,602.33
Total Receipts		12,763.91
Expenditure		
Salaries, Foreign Staff	1,859.33	
" Native "	1,032.00	
Maintenance Account	1,393.53	
Coal "	251.34	
Total Expenditure		4,536.20
Balance on December 31, 1915		8,227.71

Prepared by
Charles E. Holworthy,
District Accountant.

F. S. Unwin,
Commissioner.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for December.

Strength of the Force on Dec. 31.

Officers	6	
Foreigners	198	
Sikhs	564	
Chinese	1,238	
		2,006
Clerical and Teaching Staff	49	
Followers	187	
		236
Total		2,242

The month of December was a busy one for the Police and was not without a certain amount of anxiety. In ordinary crimes there are 17 armed robberies and 3 highway robberies to be recorded. In one of these a robber was shot by a foreign constable at a spot not far from the scene of the robbery, and in another a man was arrested who has been tried and handed over to the Military Court for punishment. A large number of arrests have also been made in connexion with some of the other cases. The parties arrested have not yet been dealt with by the Court.

Wong Ming-sai and Wong Siau-foong, convicted of the murder of Admiral Tseng Ju cheng on November 11, were executed at the Arsenal on December 7.

A man named Mau Tien, who was arrested on September 2, 1915, for a murder which occurred on October 11, 1914, was tried at the Mixed Court and remitted to the Arsenal where he was executed on December 28.

Ordinary larcenies show an increase over the previous month, but are normal when compared with the same month of 1914. 400 cases were reported and investigations were made with successful results in 110 instances.

A second bomb explosion occurred at the offices of the "Asiatic Daily News" on December 17 caused by a bomb being placed on the upper verandah fronting the Shantung Road. The damage done was not great, but as the matter is still under investigation it would be premature to make any statement regarding the occurrence. In the previous case which occurred at the same

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premises on September 11, 1915, where four persons were killed and fourteen wounded, the person who threw the bomb was sentenced to death and executed at the Yamên of the Military Commissioner on January 4. One of his accomplices was dealt with by the Chinese Authorities on December 28 when he was shot at the Arsenal.

A considerable number of bombs have been found distributed in various localities throughout the Settlement and have caused a certain amount of injury to those who have been rash enough to handle them improperly.

On December 9 a mill coolie picked up a bomb on the West Soochow Road which he threw down causing it to burst with the result that the fingers of his left hand were blown off and a boy who was looking on received serious injuries to his face.

Another coolie, who on December 7 had the temerity to handle a bomb which with others he discovered on some steps leading to the Sawgin Creek, had his right hand injured through the explosion which ensued.

On December 11 an apprentice to a laundryman discovered what he believed to be a cigarette tin on a vacant piece of ground off the Chengtu Road. He endeavoured to ascertain what it contained and in so doing caused it to explode injuring the palm and fourth finger of his right hand.

A discovery of bombs was made on December 7 under rather peculiar circumstances. Two Cantonese hired a carriage from the Foo Tai Stables on North Soochow Road. They drove to a house in Frenchtown where a basket was handed into the carriage by three other men. The mafoo was then instructed to drive to Elgin Road. Whilst the carriage was crossing Yunnan Road Bridge it was stopped by a Sikh Constable and taken to Louza Police Station on account of the vehicle having no lights. On the approach of the Sikh Constable the two Cantonese immediately left the carriage and ran away. After the carriage had been bailed out at Louza Police Station the mafoo took it back to the stables. On looking inside the carriage the proprietor of the stables found the basket which appeared to be full of oranges, but on further examination he discovered four cast iron canisters at the bottom of the basket. The Police were then called and these were found to be high explosive bombs.

In all the above cases the Police successfully exploded the bombs by rifle fire.

Ricsha Coolies' Strike.—A strike of ricsha coolies took place on December 2. After continuing for some days the strikers gave in to the ricsha owners and agreed to pay an increase in the daily rates of hire which was the subject of the dispute. There was some slight disorder on the first morning of the strike and a number of arrests were made in consequence.

Attempted Insurrection.—On the afternoon of December 5 the Chinese cruiser *Chao Ho* lying in the Whangpoo opposite the Arsenal was seized by a number of men led by a renegade midshipman. The rebels arranged to make the seizure from two launches one of which they obtained from the Ning-Shao Steam Navigation Company, and the other from a Foreigner. The latter was the only one which was successfully navigated and which reached the ship. The former had to heave to near the entrance of the Pah Lien Ching Creek for want of steam and its passengers returned to Shanghai in ferry boats leaving their comrades to hold on to the captured vessel or to abandon it as they thought fit.

The raid was not altogether the success it was expected to be. There was no trouble in boarding the vessel as the sentry made no objection to their entry. He was informed by the midshipman leader, whom he recognised as one of his officers, that the party which he was bringing on board consisted of a number of his friends and he accordingly allowed them to pass. The boarders although they had that part of the crew which was on board in their power, soon realised that the ship could not be retained as access to the magazine could not be gained to obtain ammunition for the heavy guns and they were unable to get up steam and take the vessel out of the river, as they at one time contemplated doing.

During the few hours in which they held possession shots from the lighter calibre guns were fired at the Arsenal and a number of shells landed in the French and also in the International Settlement without, however, causing any loss of life or serious damage to property. The other warships lying in the river spent the evening in preparation and as soon as they were in readiness a couple of well directed shots caused the rebels to take to the boats and flee to the Pootung side of the river. This happened in complete darkness just before dawn and when daylight broke the ship was again in charge of the Admiral who commands the Chinese fleet at Shanghai. On shore, beyond the throwing of a bomb into a Chinese Municipal building at Nantao, nothing of importance transpired during the time when all was excitement on the water.

Then a series of extraordinary attacks, all of which might well appear to have been engineered by an afterthought, were made on Chinese Police Stations in Chapei, at Pootung and on this side of the river. It was a case of bombs and pistols against rifles and bayonets, and the latter won. Three attacks were repulsed, not without loss of life. One never materialised; the party detailed to carry it out failed to reach its objective, having been intercepted and broken up by the French Police.

Another did not go much beyond the reconnoitring stage. A man who went in advance to create confusion by raising a fire was captured and he promptly led his captors back to where his supporters were supposed to be, only to find that they had vanished.

All these incidents naturally kept the Police of the two Settlements in a state of tension for a considerable number of hours and on the evening of December 7 when the rattle of firearms was almost continuous in the French Concession it was deemed advisable to call out the Volunteers.

A part of the French Concession was without street lights during the whole of the evening, owing to an insulator having been struck by a ball but no advantage whatever was taken of the darkness.

The utmost tranquillity reigned on the north side of the Yangkingpang except at a small portion of the northern border where a Chinese Police Station lost one of its men in repelling an attack in which the assailants debouched from roads leading into the West Hongkew district and along which the Police alleged they had no power to pursue when the rebels took flight.

Identification Office.—During the month 695 prisoners' records passed through this office for identification prior to the prisoners going to Court for trial, out of which number 195 were identified as having a previous conviction or convictions. In addition to the above 215 records were received from the French Police out of which number 93 were identified in the records of this office, making the total for the month:—

For identification	910	
Identified	288	
Percentage	31	
Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" only		7
Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" and other offences		37
		44

Prisoners who had previously been released under the Mark System of Remission of Sentence, 13.

The prisoners who have been arrested during the month are classified as follows:—

429	*First offenders* (minor).—Larcenies, assault, etc.
71	*First offenders* (serious).—Fraud, burglaries, etc.
66	*Second offenders.*
32	*Third offenders.*
45	*Habitual offenders* (minor).
52	*Habitual offenders* (serious).
695	

Sick Returns.—Average daily number of men sick.

Foreigners	9.38
Sikhs	17.22
Chinese	14.74
All Branches	41.34

Average daily percentage of strength sick.

Foreigners	4.73
Sikhs	3.42
Chinese	1.19
All Branches	2.06
Average daily strength of Force	1,996

Return of Convict Labour for December.

Gross value of work performed for the Public Works Department	Tls. 329.82
Less. Repairs to carts, sandals, etc.	25 80
Total	Tls. 304.02

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Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the Public Works Department	2,184.02
Less. Cost of raw material, etc.	1,243.73
Total Tls.	940.29
Grand Total earned by Convict Labour Tls.	1,244.31

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licences suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered.

K. J. McEuen,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

RETURN OF FOREIGNERS COMING UNDER NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

1.—*Offences against the person :—*	
Cutting and wounding	1
2.—*Offences against property :—*	
Embezzlement	1
Fraud	1
3.—*Offences of a Public Nature :—*	
Breach of Licensing Bye-law or of Licence Conditions :—	
Dogs	1
Liquor	1
House Refuse	5
Drunk, disorderly and assault, etc.	4
Returning after Expulsion	10
Failing to register as British Subject	2
Riding bicycle without a light	1
Sedition	1
Total	28

	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Not Charged:			
Beggars, hawkers, rag-pickers, etc.		1,927	1,927
Others	49	599	648
Total	49	2,526	2,575

RETURN OF SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

Dismissed or Discharged	1
Expulsion or deportation	1
Fined	14
Imprisonment	1
Released on Security	4
Remanded	1
Sent to Vladivostock	6
Total	28

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY on December 31.

Central Station	38
Louza Station	60
Hongkew Station	25
Harbin Road Station	13
West Hongkew Station	20
Wayside Station	15
Yangtszepoo Station	6
Sinza Station	26
Bubbling Well Station	12
Gordon Road Station	5
Gaol	1,357
Total	1,577

VEHICLE LICENCES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	313	2,748
Wheelbarrow	nil.	nil.
Handcart	nil.	nil.
Total	313	2,748

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN November 27 and December 31.

	Dollars
Stolen	57,215.27
Recovered	18,181.97

DOGS.

At Kennels on Nov. 30, 15	23	224
Captured	201	
Returned	32	224
Killed	167	
At Observation Kennels	2	
Remaining at Kennels	23	

Parks Report for December.

SPORTS.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.

	No. of Players
Golf	1,283
Hockey	142
Football	955
Total No. of Players	2,380
" " Non-players	6,926
" " Visitors	9,306

Roadside Trees—

No. of trees fastened	237
" " staked	185
" " transplanted	42
" " planted	201
" " pruned	695
" " topdressed	82
" tree-borers destroyed	104

Turf laid at—	*Fong*
Jessfield Park	53
Wayside Carriage Turn	38
Isolation Hospital	11
Shrubs planted at Wayside Carriage Turn	50

Plants bedded out at—	
Reserve Garden	225
Public "	2,200
Public Recreation Ground	1,830
	4,255

A black Siberian bear was kindly presented by Mrs. Vizenzinovich. This bear will be placed in Hongkew Recreation Ground where proper accommodation will be provided.

D. MacGregor,
Superintendent of Parks.

Countersigned :
Chas. H. Godfrey,
Engineer & Surveyor.

Fire Brigade Report for December.

The total number of calls to fires or supposed fires, during the month was 25, as against 13 for the corresponding month last year, and the estimated damage to buildings and contents was Tls. 22,550 as against Tls. 5,050 during December 1914. The estimated value of the property and contents at risk during the month was Tls. 974,100.

The calls were received as follows:—

Telephones	6
Watch Towers	5
Police	10
Street Alarms	4

The General Alarm was given on 9 occasions, the remaining 16 being Station Calls.

These calls proved to be 1 medium sized fire, 18 small fires, 3 false alarms and 3 fires outside the Settlement.

The supposed causes of these fires are as follows:—

Unknown	6
Sparks from stove	3
Dropped match or cigarette end	3
Defective Flue	1
Defective Fire-place	1
Upsetting Stove	1
Tar overboiling	1
Sparks from motor	1
Friction of belt drive	1

The premises affected were :—

Foreign Buildings	2
Chinese Buildings	22

Three houses were destroyed by fire and six badly and seven slightly damaged by fire, smoke and water.

The water used at fires during the month was 336,000 gallons.

The Brigade was occupied 22 hours and 5 minutes at fires or supposed fires, and the staff was employed for a further 111 hours watching and damping down.

One life was lost by fire, a painter attempting to extinguish some tar which was on fire at No. 53 Boone Road on December 19, being so seriously burnt that he succumbed to his injuries.

The notable fire during the month was :—

No. A.1132 Broadway, December 23, at 2.36 a.m.—Smoke was reported from the Hongkew Bell Tower and the Hongkew Co., who were the first to arrive, found the upper portion of five shops in Broadway near the junction of Minghong Road on fire. Their attention was drawn by a Police Sergeant to a Chinese woman at the window of No. A.1133 whose escape had been cut off, the back of the premises being in flames. The Foreman had the extension ladder raised into the window but before any member of the Brigade could ascend the ladder to get her out, the woman got on the ladder and reached the ground safely. The rescue was a timely one as the flames were rapidly approaching the window. The fire made extraordinarily rapid progress, the buildings being of Chinese construction with foreign style fronts, and not a sound firewall between any of them. The fire being a serious one, all Companies were turned out and it was only after 2 hours hard work that the fire was subdued. The fire apparently started in No. A.1132, a box-makers, and this and the adjoining premises No. A.1133 a fruiterer's were destroyed whilst No. 1131 The Shanghai General Stores, and No. 1119 a ship chandlers were badly damaged. No. 1118 an exchange shop, and No. 1117 a rattan chair makers were also damaged by fire and water whilst No. 1116 a rice milling shop and No. 1115 a cloth merchants were slightly water damaged.

M. W. Pett,
Chief Officer.

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RECORD OF CALLS.

Date	Time of Alarm	Municipal and Fire Districts	Road	Class of Fire	Class of Building	Alarm	Buildings Affected	Time at Fire	Remarks
Dec. 5	12.50 p.m.	Western	7 Burkill	Small	Chinese	Telephone	1 damaged	30 minutes	
6	8.55 p.m.	Central	6 Newchwang			"		15 minutes	False alarm
9	1.37 a.m.	Eastern	1 Yangtszepoo	"	"	Bell	1 damaged	2 hours	
10	6.54 p.m.	Eastern	1 Chusan	"	"	Telephone	1 damaged	20 minutes	
12	6.07 p.m.	Eastern	1 Muirhead			"		25 minutes	False alarm
13	1.25 a.m.	Central	4 Nanking	"	Foreign	Bell	1 damaged	1½ hours	
14	6.44 p.m.	Northern	8 Tongdongkaloong	"	Chinese	Telephone		25 minutes	
15	1.14 p.m.	Central	3 Ningpo	"	"	"		15 minutes	
17	7.41 p.m.	Outside limits	Off Chaoufoong			Bell		1 hour	
17	10.44 p.m.	Outside limits	Off N. Honan			"		1 hour	
19	12.24 a.m.	Central	4 Kiukiang	"	"	"		15 minutes	
19	2.36 a.m.	Central	6 Fokien	"	"	"	1 destroyed & 2 damaged	1 hour & 40 minutes	
19	11.30 a.m.	Northern	2 Boone	"		"		5 minutes	Motor car
19	11.37 a.m.	Northern	8 Boone	"	"	"		30 minutes	1 man died of burns
19	6.57 p.m.	Northern	8 Haining	"	"	"	1 damaged	75 minutes	
21	11.03 a.m.	Western	7 Hardoon	"	"	Telephone	1 damaged	30 minutes	
22	8.47 a.m.	Western	7 Chungking	"	"	"		30 minutes	
22	5.16 p.m.	Northern	8 Kaifeng	"	"	"		0 minutes	
23	2.36 a.m.	Northern	2 Broadway	Medium	"	Bell	2 destroyed & 4 damaged	2¾ hours	
23	9.12 a.m.	Central	4 Canton	Small	"	Telephone		25 minutes	
23	5.33 p.m.	Northern	2 Fearon	"	"	"	1 damaged	50 minutes	
28	1.51 p.m.	Central	6 Chefoo	"	"	"		15 minutes	
29	7.17 a.m.	Outside limits	Whangpoo River			Bell		4 hours & 40 minutes	S.S. "Loongwo"
31	10.30 p.m.	Central	4 Nanking and Kiangse			Telephone		15 minutes	False alarm
31	11.15 p.m.	Northern	2 Minghong	"	Foreign	"		10 minutes	

M. W. Pett, *Chief Officer.*

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬事件由英文開列於下

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部局將來擬定之條款必須承認

面寫明本局之條款必須承認

漆其承攬之條款必須承認

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TENDERS INVITED

No.	Description	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders
	TAX OFFICE		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Overseer of Taxes, 7a The Bunp		
1	75 yards Blue Beaver Cloth No. 1 quality	—	January 21
2	75 " " Indigo Serge	—	"
3	30 " " Woollen "	—	"
	VOLUNTEER CORPS		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Headquarters, 15 Canton Road		
1	200 Bandoliers	—	February 29
2	200 Waterbottles	—	"
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Offices, 7a The Bund		
306	Supply of Coal and Coke	—	January 20
	ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Electricity Offices, 66 Szechuen Road		
140	Cast Iron Sleeves for poles	—	January 20
141	" " Castings	—	January 20
142	Gun Metal and Brass Castings	—	January 20
143	160 Straight-through Cast Iron Joint Boxes	—	January 27

TENDERS RECEIVED

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

Tender No. 139

Hardware Sundries required during 6 months ending June 30, 1916

*Zung Lee & Sons — Tls. 36,882

*Accepted

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